

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

1-57. (Cancelled)

58. (New) A system comprising:

a dispenser;

a plurality of wipes, each wipe being formed of a stretch-bonded laminate that includes a non-woven elastic layer bonded to a non-woven gatherable layer, the wipes being stored within the dispenser such that the wipes become thicker as the wipes are individually removed from the dispenser; and

a liquid absorbed the plurality of wipes.

59. (New) The system of claim 58, wherein the dispenser engages each wipe to stretch each wipe as each wipe is removed from the dispenser.

60. (New) The system of claim 58, wherein the non-woven elastic layer includes a layer of elastomeric meltblown fibers and a layer of substantially parallel elastomeric fibers that are bonded to the layer of elastomeric meltblown fibers.

61. (New) The system of claim 58, wherein the non-woven gatherable layer includes polymer fibers and pulp fibers.

62. (New) The system of claim 58, wherein the dispenser includes an opening such that wet wipes are removed from the dispenser through the opening with part of the dispenser engaging the wipes to stretch the wipes.

63. (New) The system of claim 58, wherein the opening in the dispenser is formed of slits in a flexible sheet.

64. (New) A system comprising:

a dispenser;

a plurality of wipes, each wipe being formed of a stretch-bonded laminate that includes a non-woven elastic layer bonded to a non-woven gatherable layer, the non-woven elastic layer including a layer of elastomeric meltblown fibers and a layer of substantially parallel elastomeric fibers that are bonded to the layer of elastomeric meltblown fibers, the wipes being stored within the dispenser such that the wipes become thicker as the wipes are individually removed from the dispenser; and

a liquid absorbed the plurality of wipes.

65. (New) The system of claim 64, wherein the dispenser engages each wipe to stretch each wipe as each wipe is removed from the dispenser.

66. (New) The system of claim 64, wherein the layer of elastomeric meltblown fibers is formed of a different material than the layer of substantially parallel elastomeric fibers.

67. (New) The system of claim 64, wherein at least one of the layer of elastomeric meltblown fibers and the layer of substantially parallel elastomeric fibers includes a tackifying resin that facilitates bonding between the layer of elastomeric meltblown fibers and the layer of substantially parallel elastomeric fibers.

68. (New) The system of claim 64, wherein the dispenser includes a removable lid that may be opened to allow all of the plurality of wet wipes to be inserted into the dispenser at one time and removed from the dispenser at one time.

69. (New) The system of claim 68, wherein the dispenser includes an opening in the removable lid such that each wipe may be removed from the dispenser through the opening with part of the lid engaging the wipe to stretch the wipe.

70. (New) A system comprising:
a dispenser;
a plurality of wipes, each wipe being formed of a stretch-bonded laminate that includes a non-woven elastic layer bonded to a non-woven gatherable layer, the non-woven gatherable layer including polymer fibers and pulp fibers, the wipes being stored within the dispenser such that the wipes become thicker as the wipes are individually removed from the dispenser; and
a liquid absorbed the plurality of wipes.
71. (New) The system of claim 70, wherein the dispenser engages each wipe to stretch each wipe as each wipe is removed from the dispenser.
72. (New) The system of claim 71, wherein the non-woven gatherable layer becomes thicker as the wipes are stretched.
73. (New) The system of claim 70, wherein each wipe includes a pair of non-woven gatherable layers such that the non-woven elastic layer is between the pair of non-woven gatherable layers.
74. (New) The system of claim 70, wherein the non-woven gatherable layer includes between 20 and 50 weight percent polymer fiber and between 50 and 80 weight percent pulp fiber.
75. (New) The system of claim 70, wherein the plurality of wet wipes are interleaved within the dispenser.

76. (New) A method of increasing the softness of wet wipes, the method comprising:
placing a plurality of wipes within a dispenser, each wipe being formed of a stretch-bonded laminate that includes a non-woven elastic layer bonded to a non-woven gatherable layer and a liquid that is absorbed the plurality of wipes; and
removing one of the wipes from the dispenser such that the wipe becomes thicker as the wipe is removed from the dispenser.
77. (New) The method of claim 76, wherein removing one of the wipes from the dispenser includes removing the wipe through an opening in the dispenser
78. (New) The method of claim 77, wherein removing one of the wipes from the dispenser includes engaging the wipe with the dispenser as the wipe is removed from the dispenser.
79. (New) The method of claim 78, wherein engaging the wipe with the dispenser includes stretching the wipe with the dispenser.
80. (New) The method of claim 76, wherein removing one of the wipes from the dispenser includes stretching the wipe such that the wipe becomes thicker.
81. (New) The method of claim 76, wherein removing one of the wipes from the dispenser includes stretching the wipe such that the non-woven gatherable layer becomes thicker.